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James H. Rion

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Winnsboro, S. C., 188

Foot-hill, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> 1882.

Mr. Jas. H. Rion

Dear Sir

In your letter to the post-  
master at Lloyds, you say I think that  
you have written me three letters  
which remain unanswered. I have  
answered all that I have received  
from you, save the last, but the in-  
terval between the two last which  
reached me was so long as to sur-  
prise me. Perhaps some letter written  
in that interval miscarried. From Mr.  
Clemson I think it is more than a year  
since I have heard anything. I hope he  
is well. I ought to have sooner ~~answe~~  
answered your last letter received  
more than a month since, but  
have deferred writing in the hope of  
(over)



giving a different answer. But with the most sanguine views which I can justify myself in taking, I feel bound to say what I will now explain. You ask me what progress I am making in the life which I commenced. I am sorry to say next to none. I should have been much gratified to have made the completion of Mr. Calhoun's life the task of my declining years. To have done justice to this great man's abilities and career would have been delightful to me. If indeed I could have done it; there in truth is the doubt. But none of his friends would have tried more earnestly and perhaps none of those now living had the same opportunities to know the principles which guided him, or the circumstances under which he acted. On this account I was particularly anxious to have ~~I~~ completed the second Volume, and presented a